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Development of Beypore Coir Factory.

* 1202 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any scheme for the development of Beypore Coir Factory, Kozhikode taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no regular Coir Factory at Beypore now. But there is a factory section attached to the Government Coir School, Beypore. There is no scheme at present for the development of the factory section."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that coir industry is an important one in Malabar providing employment to a large section of the poor, will the Government consider the desirability of organizing that industry in Malabar on a co-operative basis? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

Medical concessions to the village officers.

* 1203 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the reasons for withholding the Non-Gazetted Officers' medical concessions to the village officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Non-Gazetted Officers' medical concession has not been extended to the village officers due to the present financial position of the State."

Grant of subsidy for the purchase and sale of foodgrains.

* 1204 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount paid as bonus or subsidy for the purchase and sale of foodgrains during the years 1951–52 and 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Statements [a] showing the amounts paid as bonus or subsidy during 1951–52 and 1952–53 are placed on the table of the House."

Death of sheep due to infectious disease in Vadakkikottai, Pattukkottai taluk.

* 1205 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of sheep that died due to some kind of infectious disease in Vadakkikottai, Pattukkottai taluk, Tanjore district, in 1953; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 336 infra.